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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 4/6/2007.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-17 and 21-30 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 18-20 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/26 &7/12, 2004.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election of Group II, claims 18-20 in the reply filed on 4/6/2007 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Claims 1-17 and 21-30 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected election, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Claims 18-20 are currently pending.

Priority

2. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) based upon an application filed in UK on 08/18/2001. The claim for priority is denied because (a) A claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) cannot be based on said application, since the United States application was filed more than twelve months thereafter and (b) the applicant has not filed a certified copy of the GB 0120213.4 application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being used by United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO)(see the Reference numbers 2,3 and 4 in the IDS sheet 1 of PTO-1449 received from the applicant on 7/12/2004). All these Reference numbers represent web pages of the USPTO web server facilitating to register and file patent and trademark applications. While rejecting the claims individual Reference numbers will be cited to reject the claims

Regarding claim 18, Reference number 4 discloses a transaction system for collecting data describing a trade mark, said transaction system comprising:

a transaction computer entity, said transaction computer entity operating an interface, said interface capable of accepting a data file representing a trade mark
And at least one user computer entity, said user computer entity comprising a browser, and a file system; wherein said interface allows said browser to: browse said file system of said user computer entity; select a data file stored on a data storage device of said user computer entity; and said interface inputs said selected data file to said transaction computer entity (see pages 1-3. TEAS filing system provides an interface to a user having a computer entity equipped with a browser to select form

files from a file system and populate those files with data and images (for trademarks) and accept the populated files for registration).

Regarding claim 19, its limitations are closely parallel to the limitations of claim 18 and is therefore analyzed and rejected on the basis of same rationale set forth for claim 18 above.

Regarding claim 20, reference 4 teaches that the transaction system as claimed in claim 19, wherein said interface is capable of serving a view containing an image selected from the set: a JPEG or a PDF image (see page 2 which teaches accepting JPG files)

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Grainger (US 20020093528 A1, see at least Abstract and claims 1-33), Porcari (US Patent 7069592, see at least Figs 1-5 and col.2, line 24-col.3, line 54), Tran (US 20060190807 A1, see at least Abstract and Fig.3B), and Lee (US Patent 7016851; see at least Abstract and claims 1-49) disclose electronic systems and methods for preparation of an intellectual property (patent and trademark applications) filing.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yogesh C. Garg whose telephone number is 571-272-6756. The examiner can normally be reached on Increased Flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey A. Smith can be reached on 571-272-6763. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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